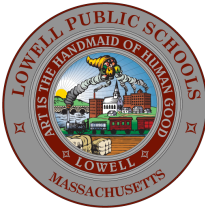


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Report from LHS Athletic Director

TO: Dr. Joel Boyd, Superintendent of Schools

FROM: Robin Desmond, Chief Academic Officer

DATE: March 24, 2022

The following report is in response to the motion by Dominik Lay:

Ask the Superintendent for a report from the Athletic Department on “neck guards”, helmets and safety equipment for the hockey team as well as the safety equipment for other sports teams such as field hockey, basketball, soccer, lacrosse, baseball; softball, etc.

Below is the response to this motion provided by Lowell High School Athletic Director, David Lezenski.



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To: Ms. Robin Desmond, Chief Academic Officer, Lowell Public Schools

Fr: Mr. Dave Lezenski, Director of Athletics, Lowell Public Schools 

Cc: Mr. Michael Fiato, Head of School, Lowell High School

Re: School Committee Motion on Neck Guards and Other Equipment

All of Lowell High School Athletics Programs are governed by the National Federation of High School Sports (NFHS) and the Massachusetts Interscholastic Athletic Association (MIAA). These two organizations set and enforce all rules, guidelines, policies and procedures for sport.

Each association has a sports medicine committee composed of doctors, School Committee Members, Superintendents, Principals and Directors of Athletics that sets rules on all matters that pertain to health, safety and well - being of the student - athletes.

In the sport of ice hockey, both the NFHS and the MIAA do not require neck guards to be worn.

All equipment, for all athletic teams, that is purchased by Lowell Public Schools - Department of Athletics, including but not limited to helmets and safety equipment is compliant and meets all NFHS and MIAA policies, regulations, procedures and rules for participation in the given sport.